2. Anthems

The Souls Longings

"Come unto Him".

The Soul's Longings

O gracious God & Lord of mercy's might,
Why do I live amidst this world of woe?
When every day doth seem blue as night,
While sorrows seek my spirit's overthrow.

I hear thy word, & would obey thy will,
But want the power that might perform thy due;
I know the good, & fain would leave the ill,
And fear the sorrow that doth sin ensue.

And yet I fall into that depth of sin
That makes me fear the judgement of thy wrath,
Until thy grace doth all my help begin
To know what comfort faith in mercy hath.

O Blessed Light that shows in mercy's eye!
While faith doth live, that love can never die.

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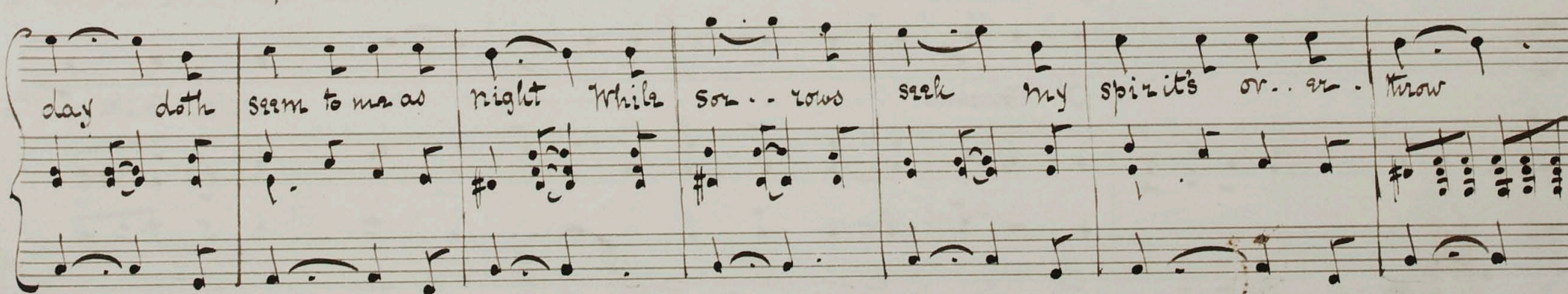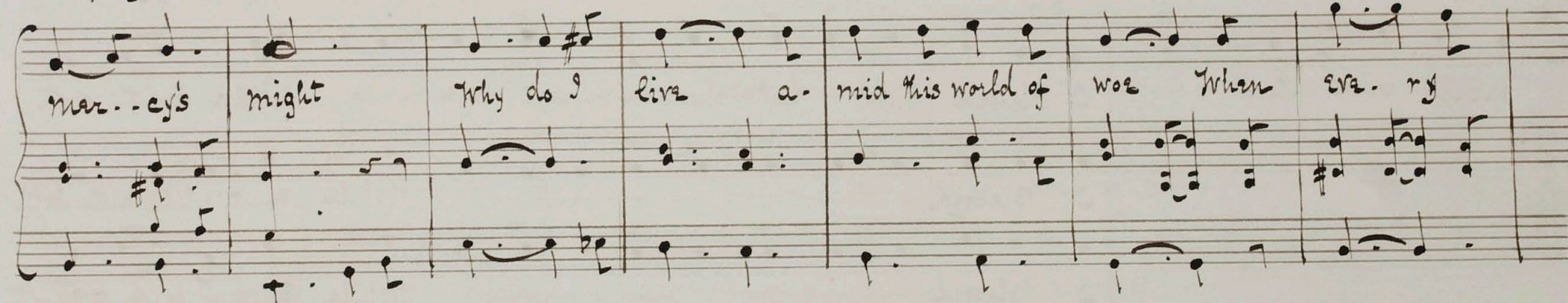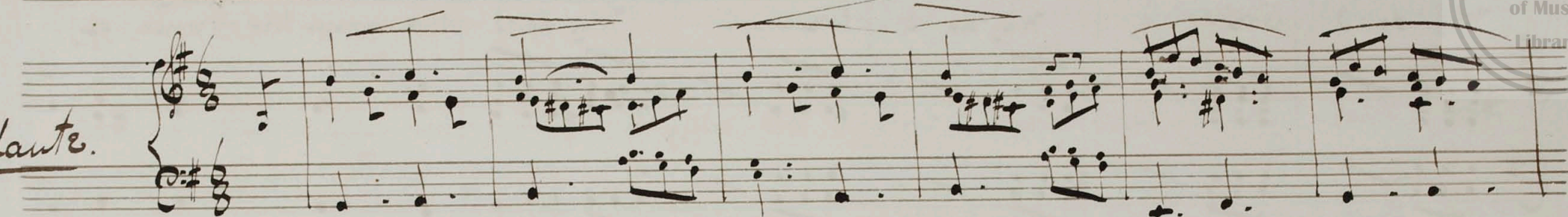
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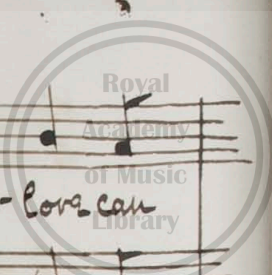
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